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SUBJECT: MAY 24 TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE: SECRETARY'S VISIT,
CENTO MEETING

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETINGS FRIDAY IN ANKARA DOMINATE SATURDAY
(MAY 24) HEADLINES IN THE TURKISH PRESS VIRTUALLY TO THE EXCLUSION

OF OTHER STORIES. ESPECIALLY IN THE RIGHT WING, PRO-GOVERNMENT

PRESS, HEADLINES STRESS THAT TURKEY GAVE NO CONCESSIONS.

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TYPICAL OF THESE WAS THE HEADLINE IN HURRIYET, THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST DAILY: "HE TALKED WITH BOTH DEMIREL AND ECEVIT BUT KISSINGER DID NOT GET THE CONCESSIONS HE WANTED". STORIES UNDER THESE HEADLINES PROMINENTLY REPORTED A STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN FRIDAY BY PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL FOLLOWING HIS WEEKLY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, DEMIREL DENIED THERE WAS ANY FOUNDATION TO RUMORS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO GIVE CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS, BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO FOR FEAR OF ATTACK BY THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION. HE INSISTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S CYPRUS POLICY HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR AND ADDED: "AT THIS TIME, IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT WE SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ANYWHERE IN CYPRUS."

2. ACCOUNTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH TURKISH POLITICAL LEADERS FRIDAY WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD, BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON STATEMENTS GIVEN TO THE PRESS AS REPORTED IN ANKARA CABLES. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTED THAT "IT WAS LEARNED" THAT THE SECRETARY CONVEYED TO PM DEMIREL THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH ECEVIT AND OUTLINED EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO.

3. SEVERAL PAPERS ALSO CARRY ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH BY KENNETH FREED ASSERTING THAT MR. KISSINGER HAD ASKED ECEVIT TO ASSIST DEMIREL IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION. PRO-RPP HURRIYET

GAVE THE STORY TOP FRONT PAGE PLAY.

4. NE MET BARLAS, WRITING IN SENSATIONLIST GUNYDIN, REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD INSISTED TO THE IRANIAN DELEGATE TO THE CENTO MEETING THAT OIL PRICES NOT BE INCREASED.

5. THE CONCLUSION OF THE CENTO MEETING ITSELF WAS GIVEN LITTLE PLAY IN SATURDAY EDITIONS, HURRIYET NOTED THE END OF THE MEETING AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS STORY ON THE KISSINGER MEETINGS. IT REPORTED THAT CENTO SECRETARY HALUK BAYULKEN HAD DECLARED THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE AMERICAN ARMS EMBARGO WOULD AFFECT THE DETERRENT POWER OF THE ALLIANCE.

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6. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, HURRIYET INTERPRETED THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AS OPENING A NEW PHASE IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION. IT URGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKE A "NATIONAL" APPROACH TO ITS CYPRUS POLICY BY INFORMING AND GAINING THE SUPPORT OF THE OPPOSITION.

7. IN OTHER COMMENT, ABDI IPEKCI DECLARED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT FEELS THE NEED FOR SUCH COOPERATION, IT AND NOT THE RPP, MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

8. PRO-DEMIREL SON HAVADIS, IN A FRONT PAGE EDIKORIAL, NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD ATTEMPTED DURING HIS VISIT TO SMOOTH

U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS BY OFTEN REITERATING THE VIEW THAT U.S. AID IS UNDERTAKEN FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT AND NOT AS CHARITY. THE PAPER SAID THAT DESPITE THIS SHOW OF GOOD INTENTIONS, IF THE ARMS EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED SOON, THIS WILL HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS IN

TURCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
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